The 19th September 1889.

No. 189.—Under Section 3 of the Excise Act, 1881, it is hereby notified by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that "Methylated spirits" and all spirits rendered unfit for human consumption under Act XVI of 1863 (Regulation II of 1885) shall be deemed to be "Country Spirits" for the purposes of the Excise Act.

The 21st September 1889.

No. 198.—The following subsidiary rules framed under Section 26 of the Forest Rules of 1878 now in force are sanctioned and published for general information :—

I. The Deputy Commissioner or other officer authorized by the Deputy Commissioner in that behalf may issue licenses for cutting and removing wood and bamboos, or for the collection and removal of any other Forest produce in or from any District Forest. The licensees shall be bound to conform to the terms of such licenses.

II. The Amildars of Taluks are empowered to issue licenses to Médars for felling and removing bamboos from District Forests up to a limit in each case of 20 head-loads. Licenses for cutting and removing unreserved timber and bamboos in District Forests required by traders and others, may also be issued by the Amildars up to a limit of 10 cart-loads in the case of timber and 20 cart-loads in the case of bamboos, and for any quantity exceeding that limit, by the Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

III. In any District or Taluk where depôts for the sale of wood or bamboos are established, the Inspector General of Forests may, if necessary, direct that no paid licenses be issued for the felling and removal of wood or bamboos from any Government Forest or land in such District or Taluk.

IV. No license shall be issued to any person for felling and removing wood or bamboos or for the collection and removal of any other Forest produce until that person has paid on account thereof into the Treasury of the District or Taluk in which the wood or bamboos or any other forest produce have to be cut or collected, the amount of duty prescribed in that behalf from time to time by a Notification in the Mysore Gazette, and has produced the Treasury receipt for having paid the same, to the Officer authorized to grant such license :

Provided that the rules contained in paras III and IV will not affect raiyats' privileges under Section 24 of the Forest Rules unless the same be withdrawn under Section 25.

V. The licensee shall be bound as regards any District Forest having no special protective establishment, to produce for examination to the Patel of the village within the limits of which said forest is situated, the wood or bamboos or any other forest produce he is removing under the authority of a license, and to obtain Patel's endorsement thereon as to the correctness of the quantity specified in the license. As regards any forest having a special protective staff, the licensee shall show the license prior to entering the forest to the official in charge of such forest, and shall, after felling and before removal of wood or bamboos or any other forest produce from such forest, get the same examined and obtain an endorsement as above.

VI. After the wood or bamboos or any other forest produce has been removed to the destination, or at the end of the period specified in the license for the removal of such wood or bamboos or any other forest produce, whichever may happen first, the holder of the license shall deliver the same to the Issuing officer or to the Amildar of the Taluk into which such wood or bamboos or any other forest produce is or is intended to be removed, or to any official appointed to receive the same, and when such wood or bamboos or forest produce is removed to Her Majesty's Territories, to the man in charge of the Sayer Chauki or other Tannah or to the frontier Patel specified in the license, who shall thereupon transmit the license or cause the same to be transmitted through his Amildar to the Issuing officer noting on such license that the quantity was found correct according to such license. Where more than the quantity licensed has been removed, the officer receiving the license, if he is not a Magistrate himself, shall at once place the licensee before a Magistrate for trial, communicating the fact to the Issuing officer.

VII. If, before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the wood or bamboos or any other forest produce has not been cut, collected or removed in pursuance of the license, the license shall be deemed to be cancelled, and if the same has been cut or collected; but not removed to its destination within the period allowed for the purpose, the license holder shall, upon returning the license and paying a penalty equivalent to one-fourth of the license fee, be entitled to a permit under Section 34 of the Forest Rules ; provided that when the licensee proves to the satisfaction of the officer issuing the pass that non-removal was owing to unavoidable causes, such as continuous heavy rain, floods of rivers, difficulty for carts or any accident while in transit, he shall be entitled to obtain a free permit for removal. All carts laden with forest produce are liable to examination by any Police, Revenue or Forest Officer under the provisions of Section 34 of the Forest Rules.

VIII. The whole of the timber or bamboos or any other forest produce covered by a license shall be removed in one lot and at the same time and shall be accompanied by such license, provided that this rule does not apply to any minor forest produce such as the collection of gums, resin, lac, bees-wax, tamarind and other produce leased out by Government and removed during the period of such lease by the lessees or their servants in the exercise of their rights under such lease ; provided also that such lessees shall be bound by the terms of their contract in respect of such minor forest produce under pain of penalties specially provided for or prescribed under Section 40 of the Forest Rules.

The 9th October 1889.

No. 206.—The following subsidiary rules framed under Sections 14 and 49 of the Mysore Forest Rules of 1878, are sanctioned and published for general information :—

Under Section 14.

I. The undermentioned fines shall be levied on cattle found straying in a State or Reserved Forest in which grazing is not permitted or a Plantation or any other closed Forest notified as such :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
For each elephant	5	0	0
Do camel	1	0	0
Do buffalo	0	8	0
Do horse, mare, gelding, pony, colt, filly, mule, bull, bullock, cow or heifer, ass, goat or kid, ram, ewe, sheep, lamb, calf, or pig	0	4	0

II. The following scale of charges is fixed for impounded cattle while in custody :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
For each elephant per diem	1	0	0
Do camel do	0	8	0
Do buffalo do	0	4	0
For every other head of cattle do	0	3	0

III. The owner of impounded cattle or his agent shall, within 7 days from the date of their being impounded, pay to the pound-keeper the above fines and charges and take back his cattle ; failing which, the cattle will be sold by public auction by the Ranger in immediate charge, who shall be bound to give wide publicity to the intended sale in the neighbouring villages, seven days previous, and report at the same time the intended sale to the District Forest Officer. If, before sale, it comes to the notice of the District Forest Officer that any such cattle are not likely to fetch a fair price if sold as aforesaid, he may direct that the same be disposed of in such other manner as he thinks fit.

IV. If the owner or his agent appear and refuse to pay the said fines and charges on the ground that the seizure was illegal and that the owner is about to make a complaint, then, upon deposit of the fines and charges incurred in respect of the cattle, the cattle shall be delivered to him.

V. If the owner or his agent appear and refuse or omit to pay or to deposit the said fines and charges, the cattle or as many of them as may be necessary shall be sold by public auction by the aforesaid Ranger.

The fines leviable and the charges of feeding together with the expense of sale, if any, shall be deducted from the proceeds of the sale.

The remaining cattle and the balance of purchase-money, if any, shall be delivered to the owner or his Agent, together with an account showing—

(*a*) the number of cattle seized,
(*b*) the time during which they have been impounded,
(*c*) the amount of fines and charges incurred,
(*d*) the number of cattle sold,
(*e*) the proceeds of sale,
(*f*) the manner in which those proceeds have been disposed of.

The owner or his agent shall give a receipt for the cattle delivered to him and for the balance of the purchase-money, if any, paid to him according to such account.

VI. All complaints of illegal seizures shall be preferred to the Deputy Commissioner of the District within a month from the date of the seizure, who shall enquire into the matter and dispose of the same.

VII. Foresters or other subordinates of the Forest Department, when no separate persons are appointed, shall be *ex-officio* the keepers of Forest pounds.

VIII. Every pound-keeper appointed under these rules shall keep a register and enter therein when cattle are brought or removed to the pound—

(*a*) the number and description of animals,
(*b*) the day and hour on and at which they were so brought,
(*c*) the name, residence and occupation of the seizer, and
(*d*) the name and residence of the owner, if known.

IX. Any pound-keeper releasing or purchasing or delivering cattle contrary to these subsidiary rules or omitting to provide any impounded cattle with sufficient food or failing to perform any duties herein prescribed, shall be held to have committed an offence under Section 46 of the Mysore Forest Rules of 1878.

Under Section 49.

I. The informant through whose information any case of illegal possession of timber, sandalwood or other forest produce may be established, may, when such timber, sandalwood or forest produce has been sold for Government, be at the discretion of the Magistrate, ordering the confiscation of the timber, sandalwood or other forest produce, paid a reward of a sum not exceeding one-fourth in the case of sandalwood and one-third in the case of timber or other forest produce, of the net proceeds of such sale. In the case of sandalwood or timber which may be handed over to the Forest Department, and brought into the books of any Koti or Depôt, the reward shall be calculated on the value estimated by the Forest Department for such sandalwood or timber. The Magistrate when issuing the order for the confiscation of such timber, sandalwood or other forest produce, shall, at the same time, record whether the reward is to be paid or not.

II. Rewards may also be paid not exceeding one-half of the proceeds of the fines at the discretion of the Magistrate in cases of any importance in which convictions are secured without recovery of property of any large value which, if discovered and produced, would have been confiscated under the Forest Rules.

III. Non-Gazetted Government Officers as well as persons not in Government Service, through whose instrumentality the offenders were brought to justice, and the property liable to confiscation was discovered, are entitled to rewards under these rules, provided the offence committed was not in the Forest or Plantation, Depôt or Store in their charge and for the protection of which they are responsible.

IV. When more persons than one are entitled to the reward under these rules, the Magistrate shall determine the proportions in which it shall be divided amongst them.

V. Rewards granted under these rules shall be disbursed after the period of appeal has expired or the appeal has been rejected.

Gentlemen desirous of seeing the Dewan on business are requested to call at the Office at 2 P. M. on Fridays, sending their cards to the Chief Secretary the previous day.

2. The petition box kept at the Office, Bangalore, will be cleared at 12 noon every day by the Chief Secretary, and in his absence from Bangalore by the Under-Secretary.

3. Petitioners will be heard at the Office at 3 P. M. on every Friday.

By Order,
R. VIJAYINDRA RAO,
Chief Secretary.

The Dewan will receive Gentlemen who wish to see him at his Residence between 12 noon and 2 P. M. on every Saturday.

Native Gentlemen may, if they prefer it, call at 3 P. M. on the same day.

By Order,
K. DORAISWAMI IYER,
Private Secretary.

EDUCATION.

MYSORE LOCAL EXAMINATION.

The 19th of September 1889.

C. A. Annaiya, Assistant Master, Government Kannada School, Chintamani, offers a copy of Sabdamani Darpana, Bangalore Edition, to the successful Pupil who obtains the highest number of marks in Optional Subjects, among those who appear from the Government Kannada Schools at Goribidnur, Srinivaspur, Mulbagal, Bagepalli, Hoskote and Sarjapur, in the Mysore Local Examination of 1890 for Pupils.

L. RICE,
Education Secretary.